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TOPIC **Soviet Troop Trains and Military Activities in Rathenow**

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

1. The following Soviet shipments were observed at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station between 3 and 14 September 1955:

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3 September. At 0015, loading for Jueterbog-Altes Lager of 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 160-mm mortars, 6 x 120-mm mortars, some 40 trucks and approximately 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At 0400, loading for Jueterbog-Altes Lager of 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, some 30 trucks and approximately 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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At 0930, loading for Jueterbog-Altes Lager of 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 8 trucks and some 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

6 September. At 0200, unloading of 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 160-mm mortars, 6 x 120-mm mortars and 40 trucks from Forst Zinna.

At 0430, unloading of 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, some 30 trucks and approximately 150 soldiers wearing red bordered black epaulets, from Forst Zinna.

At 1610, unloading of 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 8 trucks and some 20 soldiers from 8 flatcars and 1 converted boxcar from Jueterbog or Forst Zinna.<sup>1</sup>

7 September. At 0036, loading from Kroepelin of 1 JS-3 tank, 2 JS-2 tanks, 2 JSU-122 guns, 3 trucks, 3 motorcycles and some 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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12 September. At 1600, unloading of 1 JS-3 and 2 JS-2 tanks, 2 JSU-122 guns, 3 trucks, 3 motorcycles and some 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, from Kroepelin.<sup>2</sup>

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14 September. At 0230, loading for Dranse of 6 flatcars and 2 converted boxcars. The flatcars carried canvas-covered tanks, apparently T-54s, each guarded by a sentry with submachine gun. The shipment was escorted by some 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The loading street was heavily guarded during the loading.<sup>3</sup>

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2.   the following shipments were dispatched to Dallgow on 5 and 6 September:

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C/B - converted boxcars; B - boxcar; F - flatcar

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Date in September	Number and Type of Cars	From
5	10 C/B, 1 B, 40 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	10 C/B, 1 B, 40 F	Forst Zinna
6	11 C/B, 1 B, 14 F	Forst Zinna

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3. On 6 September, a shipment with 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 8 trucks and 3 boxcarloads of soldiers [redacted] passed through the Wustemark railroad station en route from Forst Zinna to Dallgow.<sup>1</sup>

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4. [redacted] the following shipments were dispatched between 5 and 17 September:

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Date in September	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
5/6	10 C/B, 1 B, 40 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Dallgow
	11 C/B, 1 B, 36 F	Forst Zinna	"
12	3 C/B, 3 B, 20 F	Eberswalde	Altengrabow
13	12 C/B, 3 B, 45 F	Jueterbog	Kuestrin-Kietz
	10 C/B, 5 B, 45 F	Jueterbog	Kuestrin-Kietz
	2 C/B, 34 B, 6 F	Sperenberg	Borna
16/17	1 B, 8 F	Wuensdorf	Neubukow
16	10 C/B, 6 B, 38 F	Wuensdorf	Neubukow
16/17	8 C/B, 6 B, 30 F	Altenfrabow	Templin

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5. A shipment of 45 flatcars with sideracks and 15 boxcars; and a second shipment of 37 flatcars with sideracks and 11 boxcars went from Kuestrin/Kietz to Jueterbog on 15 and 16 August, respectively. <sup>5</sup>

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6. A shipment of 12 boxcars and 45 flatcars; and a shipment of 10 boxcars, 5 converted boxcars and 45 flatcars [redacted] went from Jueterbog to Kuestrin-Kietz on 12 September.<sup>2</sup>

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7. At 0130 on 13 September, a shipment of 12 x 37-mm and 8 to 10 x 76-mm AA guns, 1 field kitchen, some 30 trucks, 11 boxcars and approximately 200 soldiers left the Jueterbog railroad station for Kuestrin. [redacted]

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8. [redacted] the following trains went from Altengrabow to the Berlin district on 9 and 10 September:

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Date in September	Composition of Shipment
9	1 shipment with 2 x 85-mm and 11 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 armored personnel carrier, approximately 25 trucks, 1 field kitchen and 10 converted boxcars with personnel.
10	1 shipment with 6 x 37-mm and 8 x 85-mm AA guns, some 22 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 10 converted boxcars with personnel.

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10      1 shipment with 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 24 armored personnel carriers, some 22 trucks and 10 converted boxcars with personnel

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9. At 1700 on 13 September, 35 rocket launchers, 47 trucks, 6 repair shop trucks, 4 field kitchens, 2 jeeps and some 600 soldiers entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow from the direction of Altengrabow.<sup>10</sup>

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1. Comment. The train carried mixed artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div, which returned from 3-day firing practices at Jueterbog.

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2. Comment. This was presumably a tank detail of the 1st Mecz Div, which transferred to Wustrow from 7 to 12 September. Similar tank shipments to Wustrow were also observed in preceding years. According to available information [redacted] went from Satzkorn to Kroepelin on 6 September. It cannot be determined whether this shipment is identical with the one mentioned in the present report or if a tank detail of the 10th Gds Tank Div also went to Wustrow.

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3. Comment. The shipment probably involved a tank detail of the 1st Mecz Div with new T-54 tanks, which transferred to Wittstock training grounds for firing practices.

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4. Comment. Artillery units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army or the 6th Gds Mecz Div apparently transferred to Altengrabow.

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5. Comment. On 13 September, AAA units of the 32d AAA Div which according to available information had transferred to Jueterbog in 2 shipments on 12 August, probably returned to Kuestrin. The units of the division which according to observations at the posts went from Kuestrin to Jueterbog on 15 August with 8 x 85-mm AA guns, have apparently not yet returned.

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6. Comment. [redacted] a shipment of 38 boxcars with construction engineers, 1 boxcar, 7 trucks and 1 trailer was loaded in the barracks installation on Schumke Lake (3441) near Sperenberg at 0015 on 14 September. The destination could not be determined. It remains to be seen whether there is a connection between these two shipments or not.

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7. Comment. Elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div stationed in Wuensdorf-Zossen probably transferred to the Wustrow AAA firing range.

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8. Comment. One shipment of AAA units of the 25th Tank Div returned from Altengrabow to Templin as early as 10 September. See [redacted] Comment 9. This shipment was apparently followed by a second shipment of the division on 16/17 September.

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9. Comment. These are confirmed return shipments of AAA units/which of [redacted] according to other records [redacted] went to Bernau, [redacted] to Doeberitz.

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10. Comment. The bulk of the 25th Gds RL Brig apparently returned by road to the Rathenow post from Altengrabow. Previous reports indicated that the other brigades of the 6th Arty Div were stationed at Altengrabow until 13 September.

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